

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) The following State capitals have not yet been airlinked with Delhi.

- (i) Kohima
- (ii) Itanagar
- (iii) Shillong
- (iv) Gangtok

(b) Kohima, Gangtok and Itanagar do not have operational airfields. Shillong airport is not fit for operation by aircraft type available in the fleet of Indian Airlines. However, private operators are being encouraged to add more stations in their network including Shillong.

Forward Market Commission

3245. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forward Markets Commission, Mumbai has prepared a comprehensive package to improve the financial health of commodity exchanges;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) the manner in which it has improved the working of the Forward Markets Commission, particularly in the infrastructure, the administration and the trading ring?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). Forward Markets Commission do not have any direct role in managing/auditing the financial position of these exchanges, which are independent organizations of private traders. However, in pursuance of the recommendations of the Kabra Committee appointed by the Government of India, which, *inter alia* recommended strengthening of financial position of commodity exchanges to make them self-regulating organisations the Forward Markets Commission, Mumbai has been advising, from time to time, these exchanges to improve their finances through various measures like suitable upward revision of transaction fee levied on each transaction, annual subscriptions, amount of security deposit, margin money etc. These measures were also brought to personal notice in a meeting of office bearers of various commodity exchanges convened at Mumbai on 29th and 30th July, 1996.

(c) These measures are designed to improve the infrastructure of the Commodity Exchanges through installation of modern facilities like telephone, FAX, computers as well as increase in trading space, and thereby expected to improve the working of commodity exchanges. Forward

Markets Commission have also started periodic inspections of these exchanges, in order to activate its administrative infrastructure. Wherever necessary, internal committee of these exchanges like Arbitration/Vigilance Committees etc. are being activated. By making the commodity exchanges self-sufficient and self-regulating, the Commission expects to achieve its objective of healthy growth of commodity markets in the country.

Industrial Training Institutes

3246. SHRI DWARKA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up Industrial Training Institutes, in view of mass scale Unemployment.

(b) if so, the details thereof state-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). ITIs are set up by the respective State (including U.T.) Governments who submit their proposals directly to the Planning Commission for financial assistance under the Plan. ITIs are also allowed to be set up by private agencies provided they fulfil the prescribed norms. As on 31.7.95 there were 2911 ITIs functioning throughout the country, 1064 in the State Sector and 1847 in the Private Sector with total seating capacity of 4.5 lakh.

The Central Government supports the efforts of the State and Private agencies to set up new ITIs and strengthen existing ones.

Outstanding dues to Doordarshan, Orissa

3247. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhubaneshwar Doordarshan Kendra owes any outstanding dues to the outside Producers;

(b) if so, the category-wise details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken to clear the outstanding dues of the Producers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is an outstanding commitment of Rs. 11.28 crores of DDK, Bhubaneshwar as on 1.4.96. This liability relates to commissioning of programmes under Special